THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir. There is no such separate Agency for Multinationals.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no separate Agency for Multinationals. The BIS and other Standardisation Agencies in India prescribe standards for all industries including Multinationals.

(d) No such separate Agency is proposed to be set-up.

Investment proposals

2137. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at a recent seminar the Minister of State for Industry mentioned that the Ministry had received investment proposals to the tune of Rs. 100,000 crores, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the written speech, the figure was quoted as Rs. 900,000 crores;

(c) what is the real position with respect to new investment proposals;

(d) what is the area where Government is receiving investment proposals to such a large extent in view of the large scale delicensing; and

(e) whether this indicates that the delicensing undertaken by the Government is still not effective and entrepreneurs have to still submit proposals to Government?-

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (e) During the course of his address to the Economic Editors at the Annual Conference organised by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (Press Information Bureau), the Minister of State for Industries mentioned that 2207 number of Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda (IEM) had been filed upto 31st October, 1991, with projected investment of over Rs. 1,00,000 crores.

IEMs are filed by entrepreneurs with regard to proposed projects which do not require licensing under the provisions of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951. It is an intimation of intention to set up a project, which is required mostly for data purposes. No approval is required for setting up of industries which have been delicensed under the new Industrial Policy.

IEMs have been filed for projects in diverse industrial fields. It is too early to assess how much of the projected investment will fructify on the ground.

Review of appointments in Public Sector Undertakings

2138. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed its review of cases of appointments in various Public Sector Undertakings as were irregularly made during May and June 1991;

(b) whether innumerable irregularities and illegalities have surfaced during such review of cases;

(c) whether decisions to revert back some such appointees have been ordered and despite that the incumbants are still continuing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) Twenty-one appointments of Chief Executives of public sector undertakings were made during May and June, 1991. Eighteen of these appointments have since been reviewed and no irregularity has been noticed in these cases. The review in respect of the remaining three cases is yet to be completed.